

**Sun City Summerlin Computer Club**

# **The State of the Club**

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# **Topic Agenda**

- **Computer Club Overview**
- **Looking Back at 2013**
- **Looking Ahead for 2014**
- **Appeal for Volunteers**

# Computer Club Overview

- **Established in 1991**
- **Largest Club in Sun City Summerlin**
- **2013 monthly average of about 878 members**
- **12 Member Board of Directors**
- **Mission: “Members Helping Members”**
- **Club website: [www.scs-cc.com](http://www.scs-cc.com)**

# Our Facilities and Assets

- **Classroom**

- *45+ seats at tables*
- *HP Win 7 and iMac PCs for presenters*
- *Projection system*
- *PA system for instructors*

- **Lab**

- *12 Win 8 PC student stations + 3 Mac student stations*
- *Win 8 PC for instructors*
- *Projection system*
- *5 PC stations for ad-hoc work*
- *Media PC with audio & video recording equipment*
- *Laser printers*
- *Scanner (servicing both 35 mm slides and print photos)*
- *Library*

# Helping Hands

- **These volunteers have interests and expertise in specific areas of computing and will be happy to answer your questions by telephone or e-mail.**
- **As a courtesy, *please* no calls before 9 A.M. or after 5 P.M.**

# Our SCSCC\_News E-mail List

- If you are not receiving periodic messages from our Computer Club about important club events, you're missing out on important news and information.
- Send a blank message to the following address:  
[scsc\\_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:scsc_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- Or send an e-mail to: [tomburt89134@cox.net](mailto:tomburt89134@cox.net)
- You are authorizing us to place your e-mail address in our club's "address book".

# HelpingHandsOnline Chat Line

- The Club has a chat line in which you may send and receive messages that are computer-related.
- Have a problem with your computer or one of its applications? There is probably someone in our Club who will be able to assist you.
- Simply post your query on the chat line. An answer is usually forthcoming soon.
- To subscribe, send an e-mail to the following:
  - *[helpinghandsonline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:helpinghandsonline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)*

# Our Hands-on Classes

- **Advanced Registration Required (by phone or e-mail)**
- **Boot Camp (the only “fee” class)**
  - *Registration: Bill Wilkinson*
- **Digital Camera Pictures - Hands On**
- **Windows 8 Basics and Beyond – Introduction**
- **MS Excel (3 parts)**
- **FireFox**
- **Google Chrome**
- **MS Word – Word Processing**



# Our Seminars

- ***No fees.***
- ***No advanced registration required.***
- ***Seating is first come – first seated.***
- **For 2014, our goal is an average of 5 or more different titles each month.**
- **Many different topics.**
- **Watch the monthly Gigabyte Gazette.**
- **Notices also on the SCSCC\_News e-mail list.**

# Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

- **Creative Photography – Edith Einhorn**
- **Genealogy - Karen Ristic**
- **Gmail & Other Google Programs - Pat Lemay**
- **Hardware Repair Lab - George Lobue, Chuck Wolff**
- **Internet Investing - Tom Burt**
- **iPad SIG and Q&A - Zane Clark**
- **Macintosh Users - Ed Barkin**
- **Photoshop - Un-moderated**
- **Picasa - Stu Gershon**

# SCSCC Hardware / Software Repair Lab

- Team of volunteer tech helpers
- Meets every Tuesday 1 pm to 4 pm
  - *When busy, clients must take a number*
- Help with all kinds of PC hardware and software problems:
  - *Backups*
  - *Malware removal*
  - *Hardware repairs & installation*
  - *Network troubleshooting*
  - *“How to” tutorials*
- Available for Free only to **Club Members**
  - *Must sign in with Association ID*
  - *Sun City Summerlin residents can join on the spot*

# Kaffee Klatches

- **Beginners' Kaffee Klatch**
  - *Saturdays 9 AM – 11 AM*
- **Kaffee Klatsch**
  - *Tuesday 8:30 AM – 10 AM*
- **All members welcome**

# Open Labs

- **Monday from 1 PM to 4 PM**
- **Wednesday from 9 AM to Noon**
- **Saturday from 9 AM to Noon**
- **Two Lab Monitors at every session**
  - *Good way to volunteer!*
- **Both PCs and Macs are available**
- **Printers, scanners, A/V recording**
- **High-speed Internet Service**
- **Wireless 802.11n (300 M-bit) hot spot**

# Looking Back at 2013

## Classroom and Lab Events

- **Classroom Events: 374**
- **Classroom Attendees: 7,101**
- **Average attendance per event: 19.0**
- **Average events per week: 7.2**
  
- **Lab Events: 198**
- **Lab Attendees: 2,206**
- **Average attendance per event: 11.1**
- **Average events per week: 3.8**

# Looking Back at 2013

## Top 16 Frequent Attendees

Name	Events	Per Week
Tom Brennan	202	3.9
George Keelen	152	2.9
Pat LeMay	125	2.4
Tom Burt	124	2.4
Roger Hoffman	116	2.2
Michiko Casey	111	2.1
Bill Euler	106	2
C.Susie Scott	105	2
Gilbert (Andy) Anderson	104	2
Ed Hedin	104	2
Isaac Penso	104	2
Enid Smilove-Hopkins	95	1.8
John Palubinskas	81	1.6
Gus Zavala	81	1.6
Bill Wilkinson	80	1.5

# Looking Back at 2013 Attendance Profiles

<b>Event Frequency</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>One or more per week</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>One or more per month</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>One or more per quarter</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>Two or more per year</b>	<b>627</b>
<b>One or more per year</b>	<b>907</b>
<b>Non-member visitors</b>	<b>78 (120 visits)</b>

**Monthly Average 2013 Membership: 878**

**Final 2013 Membership: 1177 (incl. 67 2014)**

**2014 Membership: 507 (as of 01-01-2014)**



# Looking Back at 2013 Facilities

- **In the Lab:**
  - *15 HP Pavilion desktops were upgraded from Windows 7 to Windows 8.*
  - *The Friday Lab Team continues to maintain all the equipment.*
  - *Lab Mac PCs were upgraded to OS X Mavericks.*
- **In the Classroom:**
  - *A Windows 8 and a Windows 8.1 virtual machine were created on the PC instructor desktop.*
  - *The Mac PC was upgraded to OS X Mavericks.*

# Looking Ahead to 2014 Education

- **Education Committee**
  - *Tom Burt, Zane Clark, Howard Verne*
- **6 PC Boot Camp (hands on) classes**
- **1 or 2 other (hands on) classes monthly**
- **5 or More Seminars per month (goal)**
  - *Broad range of topics*
  - *Includes Windows 8 / 8.1 seminars and classes*
  - *Some beginners classes on tablets*
- **9 active SIGs (about 16 sessions / month)**
- **Watch the monthly Gigabyte Gazette**

# Looking Ahead to 2014

## Monthly Programs Calendar

Tom Kimber

- **January 2**            *DARK*
- **February 6**        **Selling Precious Metals - Summerlin Jeweler's  
+ Vote to approve 2014 budget + "early bird" drawing**
- **March 6**            **Creech Air Force Base on Drones (tentative)**
- **April 3**             **CenturyLink – TV, phone and network products**
- **May 1**               **Nevada Gaming Commission**
- **June 5**             **TBD**
- **July 3**              *DARK*
- **August 7**          *DARK*
- **September 4**     **TBD**
- **October 2**         **TBD**
- **November 6**      **Clark County Library (tentative) + Director Nominations**
- **December 6**     **Holiday Party + Director Elections**

# Looking Ahead to 2014 Facilities - Hardware

- **Projection Systems:**
  - *Upgrade the classroom projector to a full HD (1080P) system*
  - *Move the current 720P classroom projector to the lab*
  - *Install a new 150 inch diagonal screen in the lab*
  - *Move the current lab projector to the Club's media cart at Desert Vista.*
- **Network:**
  - *Upgrade our primary router to a dual-band (N600) unit*
  - *Explore adding a second Internet connection, with its own separate wireless router. The likely provider is CenturyLink, but details have yet to be worked out.*
- **Monitor Replacements in the Lab:**
  - *Replace 13 LCD monitors with 13 similar touchscreen monitors.*
- **New iMac for the Lab:**
  - *acquire one additional 21 inch Apple iMac for the lab to replace an older unit with a small screen.*

# Looking Ahead to 2014

## Facilities - Software

- **Lab:**
  - *Upgrade 15 HP PCs from Windows 8 to Windows 8.1*
- **Classroom:**
  - *Upgrade the instructor PC to Windows 8.1.*
  - *Set up a Windows 7 virtual machine.*

# Volunteers: Our Lifeblood We Need You!

- **Computer Related Volunteers:**
  - *SIG Leaders (contact Howard Verne)*
  - *Class Instructors (contact Tom Burt)*
  - *Coaches for Classes (contact Kathy Kirby)*
  - *Seminar Presenters (contact Tom Burt)*
  - *Gigabyte Gazette Columnist (Contact Tom Burt)*
- **Non-Computer Related Volunteers:**
  - *Greeters (contact Kathy Kirby)*
  - *Lab Monitors (contact Kathy Kirby)*
  - *Refreshments Committee (contact Kathy Kirby)*